

Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 ¹				2012 ²	
	All producers (see text)	All principal producers (see text)	All non-principal producers (see text)	Primary producer (see text)	All operators	Principal operator
Producersnumber	111,760	89,383	22,377	68,822	109,349	74,542
Sex of producers:						
Male	77,243	70,448	6,795	58,292	81,547	68,172
Female	34,517	18,935	15,582	10,530	27,802	6,370
Hired managers (see text)	6,449	4,539	1,910	2,818	(NA)	2,086
Primary occupation:						
Farming	51,657	44,455	7,202	35,860	54,426	39,423
Other	60,103	44,928	15,175	32,962	54,923	35,119
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	83,850	68,144	15,706	53,444	84,642	58,768
Not on farm operated	27,910	21,239	6,671	15,378	24,707	15,774
Days of work off farm:						
None	45,391	37,784	7,607	30,455	44,054	30,907
Any	66,369	51,599	14,770	38,367	65,295	43,635
1 to 49 days	9,133	7,307	1,826	5,840	8,814	5,901
50 to 99 days	4,327	3,464	863	2,721	4,754	3,069
100 to 199 days	8,771	6,756	2,015	5,182	9,341	5,976
200 days or more	44,138	34,072	10,066	24,624	42,386	28,689
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	4,695	3,292	1,403	2,383	3,458	1,882
3 or 4 years	6,687	4,800	1,887	3,513	4,813	2,721
5 to 9 years	13,070	9,773	3,297	7,071	12,905	7,707
10 years or more	87,308	71,518	15,790	55,855	88,173	62,232
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	11,946	8,386	3,560	6,054	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	11,401	8,524	2,877	6,150	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	88,413	72,473	15,940	56,618	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,418	620	798	371	1,427	419
25 to 34 years	8,789	6,181	2,608	4,474	8,064	4,485
35 to 44 years	13,351	10,173	3,178	7,408	13,983	8,647
45 to 54 years	21,142	16,825	4,317	12,590	28,583	19,005
55 to 64 years	33,914	27,371	6,543	21,215	30,829	21,731
65 to 74 years	22,149	18,598	3,551	14,732	17,606	12,946
75 years and over	10,997	9,615	1,382	8,032	8,857	7,309
Average age	56.5	57.4	52.7	58.0	55.0	56.6
Young producers (see text)	11,520	7,751	3,769	5,570	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	651	527	164	371	562	339
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	180	126	54	85	248	141
Asian	399	286	113	229	471	266
Black or African American	39	29	10	22	51	30
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	22	17	5	9	20	5
White	110,824	88,679	22,145	68,290	108,307	73,984
More than one race reported	296	246	50	187	252	116
Military service (see text):						
Never served	100,608	79,025	21,583	60,097	(NA)	(NA)
Served	11,152	10,358	794	8,725	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	223,722	201,231	22,491	163,419	236,043	198,408
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	97,014	83,313	13,701	65,718	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	84,087	74,108	9,979	59,800	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	54,954	47,660	7,294	37,886	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	86,235	73,721	12,514	59,665	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	65,971	56,195	9,776	44,587	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

² All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.